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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ABOUT MOBUTU-VANCE CONVERSATIONS

WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL POSTS IN AFRICA (AND SOME ELSEWHERE) HAVE LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN STATE OF US-ZAIRE RELATIONS, WE THINK THAT BUJUMBURA (AND EMBASSIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES CONTIGUOUS TO ZAIRE) WILL HAVE SPECIAL NEED TO KNOW MORE THAN GENERALIZATIONS ABOUT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AS IT HAS EVOLVED IN LIGHT OF VANCE-CUTLER MISSION TO MOBUTU. AT LEAST IN BURUNDI, OFFICIALDOM OFTEN FACTORS STATE OF ZAIRE'S TIES TO THIRD COUNTRIES INTO ATTITUDES BURUNDI WILL ADOPT, AND EXISTENCE OF TRIPARTITE MECHANISM (WITH ZAIRE AND RWANDA) ADDS TO TENDENCY TO SOME DEGREE OF POLICY ALIGNMENT. IN SHORT, WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU CAN TELL US.
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